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For: AUTOMATIC OPTIMIZATION  
FOR ULTRASOUND MEDICAL  
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Examiner: To Be Assigned

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

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Applicants also wish to bring to the Examiner's attention the following pending United States Patent application:

U.S. Patent Application, Serial No. 09/791,405  
(Attorney Docket No. 5050-806, Filed February 2, 2001)

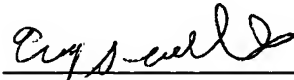
U.S. Patent Application, Serial No. 10/176,274  
(Attorney Docket No. 2002P05488US, Filed June 20, 2002)

U.S. Patent Application, Serial No. 10/374,258  
(Attorney Docket No. 2002P19900US, Filed February 26, 2003)

Applicants believe that this application either alone or in combination with the references cited in this Information Disclosure Statement neither disclose nor suggest Applicants' claimed invention. Applicants, however, respectfully request that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of this application and place an indication in the file that they have been reviewed (MPEP § 609 D). Applicants additionally request that citations to these patent applications not be printed on the patent (MPEP § 609 D). A copy of the above-referenced application is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,



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